

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Charles R. Watts on April 24, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Title:

"COMPONENT" has been changed to: --COMPONENTS--

In Claim 28:

"a component insertion method" (line 1) has been changed to: --A method for inserting components to a board,--.

"to said" (line 3) has been changed to: --to the device portion of said--.

"a board" (line 6) has been changed to: --the board--.

"to said" (lines 11-12) has been changed to: --to the device portion of said--.

"second component" (last line) has been changed to: --second component, wherein said first and second grasping pressures are such that said releasably grasping of said first component and said releasably grasping of said second component are carried out without plastically deforming configurations of the device portions of said first and second components--.

Note: the amendment to the drawings filed on January 22, 2008 has been accepted by the Examiner.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art references fail to teach or suggest the claim invention of inserting components to a board, includes providing a first component having a device portion that is lower in rigidity than a device portion of a second component, includes the step of releasably grasping the device portions of the first and second components such that the grasping pressure applied to said first component is lower than said second grasping pressure applied to said second component and the releasably grasping of said first component and said releasably grasping of said second component are carried out without plastically deforming configurations of the device portions of said first and second components" in combination with other limitations recited in claim 28.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DONGHAI D. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-4566. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter D. Vo can be reached on (571)-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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